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1986 GRIZZLY BEAR HUNTING SEASON REGULATIONS

There shall be no more than fourteen (14) grizzly bear or six (6) female grizzly bear killed by hunting or any other human activity in the following described Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem.

"Beginning at the United States/Canadian border and Glacier National Park, thence easterly along the U.S./Canadian Border to Interstate Highway 15, thence southerly along said highway to State Highway 200, thence southerly and westerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 90, thence westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 93, thence northerly along U.S. Highway 93 to the U.S./Canadian Border, thence easterly along said border to the west boundary of Glacier National Park, thence southerly along the west park boundary and, easterly and then northerly along the south and east Glacier National Park boundary to the U.S./Canadian Border, the point of beginning. This description does not include Glacier National Park."

The following described bear management areas will be open to the hunting of grizzly bear of either sex October 1, 1986 and will close when any of the following quotas are attained, but no later than November 30, 1986.

Area Descriptions:

Rocky Mountain East Front: Beginning at the Continental Divide and Highway 200, thence northeast along said highway to U.S. Highway 89, thence east along said highway to Interstate Highway 15, thence northerly along said highway to the U.S./Canadian Border, thence west along said border to the Blackfoot Indian Reservation Boundary, thence southwesterly and northwesterly along said boundary to the Glacier National Park boundary near East Glacier, thence westerly along said boundary to the Continental divide near Summit, thence southerly along said divide to Highway 200, the point of beginning.

Scapegoat: Beginning at the Continental Divide and Highway 200, thence northerly along the Continental Divide to White River Pass and Molly Creek, thence west down Molly Creek to the South Fork of the White River, thence west down the South Fork of the White River to the White River, thence west along the White River to the South Fork of the Flathead River, thence north down the South Fork of the Flathead River to Big Salmon Creek, thence west along Big Salmon Creek to Pendant Creek, thence south along Pendant Creek to the Swan-Flathead River Divide, thence southerly along said divide to the Swan-Clearwater River Divide, thence southwest along said divide to State Route 83, thence south along said route to state Highway 200, thence easterly along Highway 200 to the Continental Divide, the point of beginning.

Flathead: Beginning at the U.S./Canadian Border and Highway 93, thence easterly along said border to the west boundary of Glacier National Park, thence southerly and easterly along the west and south border of Glacier National Park to the Continental Divide near Summit, thence southerly along the Continental Divide to White River Pass and Molly Creek, thence down Molly Creek to the South Fork of the white River, thence west down the South Fork of the White river to the White River, thence west along the white River to the South Fork of the Flathead River, thence north down the South Fork of the Flathead River to Big Salmon Creek, thence west along Big Salmon Creek to Pendant Creek, thence south along Pendant Creek to the Swan-Flathead Divide, thence southerly along said divide to the Swan-Clearwater River Divide, thence southwest along said divide to State Route 83, thence northerly along said route to State Route 82, thence westerly along said route to U.S. Highway 93, thence northerly along said highway to the U.S./Canadian Border, the point of beginning.

Quotas:

Rocky Mountain East Front: The grizzly bear season will close on 48 hours' notice in the Rocky Mountain East Front Bear Management Area when three (3) female grizzly have been killed by hunting or other human-caused mortality.

Scapegoat: The grizzly bear season will close on 48 hours' notice in the Scapegoat Bear Management Area when one (1) female grizzly has been killed by hunting or other human-caused mortality.

Flathead: The grizzly bear season will close on 48 hours' notice in the Flathead Bear Management Area when two (2) female grizzly have been killed by hunting other human-caused mortality.

NOTE: All grizzly bears killed by hunting or other human activity in the previously described areas during calendar year 1986 are counted against the quotas.

REGULATIONS

- 1) Annual limit per grizzly license holder is one grizzly bear of either sex.
- 2) Season will close on 48 hours notice in appropriate area if overall mortality quota or female subquotas are reached. If quotas are exceeded during the 48-hour closure period, they will be adjusted for the 1987 season.
- 3) Prohibit the taking of females with young and individual young (young defined as those two years old or younger).
- 4) Request that hunters not take grizzly bear when observed in groups (group defined as two bears or more).
- 5) All bear hunting is prohibited in:
 - a) all state game preserves.
- 6) Hunters taking grizzly bear must retain the hide and head from each specimen even though the head may have been damaged. Evidence of sex must remain intact on the carcass or skin.
- 7) Grizzly Trophy License

Hunters taking a grizzly bear must report the kill within 48 hours to an officer of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and must personally present the hide and skull within 10 days to an officer of the department for purposes of inspection, tagging and recording of kill.

It is prohibited for any person to remove any portion of a grizzly bear from the State of Montana without first obtaining a trophy license.

- 8) A 1986 grizzly bear license must be purchased no later than October 15, 1986.
- 9) Hunters taking a grizzly bear must on demand physically go back to the kill site for inspection.

1986 Fall Grizzly Bear Season

LICENSE SALE PROCEDURE/REFUNDS

The following procedure will be utilized to sell grizzly bear licenses for the 1986 fall season. This procedure is necessary because the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service special regulations allowing the 1986 season was delayed until late September.

I. Grizzly bear licenses for the 1986 fall season will be sold beginning the day the Fish and Game Commission establishes the final regulations (probably September 19 or 22). Licenses will be sold through October 15, 1986 or until the season closes, whichever occurs first. (This includes postmarks of October 15).

II. Grizzly bear licenses and applications will be made available at all regional headquarters and Helena.

III. Applications for grizzly licenses will be mailed from Helena the day sales begin (about Sept. 19 or 22) to all hunters currently on the waiting list.

IV. Refunds for licenses will be made only upon request to the director from a hunter who received his license after the season closed. Season closure in the hunter's area of choice will not be considered valid for a refund if the season remains open in another area.

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HUNTER'S NOTE

All grizzly bears killed by hunting or other human activity in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem during calendar year 1986 are counted against quotas. To date (September 19, 1986) a total of one male and four female grizzly bears have been taken leaving nine (9) grizzly bear or two (2) female grizzly bear remaining on the quota. In addition, two of the female grizzly bear already taken were taken in the Rocky Mountain East Front Bear Management Area. Thus only one female grizzly bear remains to be taken in the Rocky Mountain East Front area before the area closes.

Refunds for licenses will be made only upon request to the director and only if you receive your license after the season closes in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem. Season closure in your area of choice will not be considered valid for a refund if the season remains open in another area.

Pending finalization by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the proposed 1986 season dates are October 1, 1986 through November 30, 1986.

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